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Subject: Minor edits to main comments
Attachments: 2-EPA Comments on Workplan Main Text - JC edits clean copy.doc; 2-EPA Comments on Workplan Main Text - JC edits track changes.doc

I mainly cleaned up a little bit, formatted spacing/tabs, created a cover sheet for the statistician memo at the end of the file that explained the tables/figure, etc.

Comment: Didn't we think new background values would be good, esp. parcel by parcel and even by soil type. I am not familiar with the latest discussion. OK to go with what the team thinks on this comment.

Response: The existing reference background numbers are pretty consistent with what we might expect at this site. Collecting new background samples comes with a lot of work, uncertainty, etc. We set strong criteria for limiting acceptable locations for reference background, and the Navy might have a hard time coming up with 150 locations that meet these criteria. So we wanted to offer an alternative. I don't think we have ever insisted that they collect new background. Just we wouldn't mind if they do, as long as they do it right.